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declare that I am a respective citizen of the (a) United States of America, residing respectively at:

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that I verily believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the invention entitled:

**NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE BATTERY WITH IMPROVED SEPARATOR**

The specification and claims of which were filed on October 31, 2003 as application Serial No.10/699,178, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable) that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that I acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate of this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representative or assigns, except as follows: NONE.

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